

# ST MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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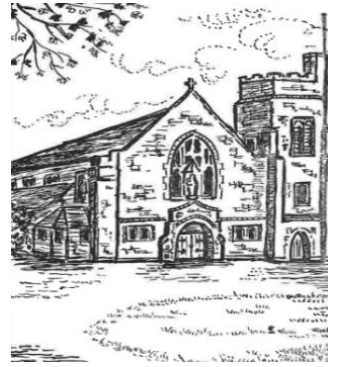
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## **16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2024 – Page 54

In the first reading from Jeremiah on this 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, God speaks against the leaders who mislead His people. These leaders have not cared for the flock and have led them astray. God promises to step in and lead His people Himself, ensuring they are safe and well-guided. God's promise is one of hope. He will appoint new leaders who will be wise and just. This gives us assurance that God is always looking out for our well-being and will never abandon us. God's care for us is constant. Even when human leaders fail, God's leadership is perfect. He will always guide us on the right path and protect us.

In the Gospel from Mark, we see Jesus and His apostles seeking rest. But the crowd follows them, longing for guidance and teaching. Jesus, moved by compassion, teaches them because they are like sheep without a shepherd. Jesus' compassion is a model for us. He sees the needs of the people and responds with love. He teaches us that true leadership involves caring for others and addressing their needs.

**Prayer** - Dear Lord, thank You for Your constant care and guidance. Help us to trust in Your leadership and to follow You faithfully. Unite us in Christ and fill our hearts with peace. Teach us to show compassion to others, just as Jesus did. Amen.

## **POPE FRANCIS WED. GENERAL AUDIENCE ON VIRTUES AND VICES 4**

Dear brothers and sisters: In our catechesis on the virtues and the vices, we now turn to lust, which is opposed to the beauty of that love which the Creator has implanted in our hearts and called us to cultivate in our relations with others, especially by the responsible use of our sexuality. Lust poisons the purity of love by turning it from a chaste, patient and generous acceptance of another person in all the mysterious richness of his or her being, into a egotistic desire for possession and immediate satisfaction. God's gift of sexuality, which finds sublime expression in conjugal love, is at the service of human fulfilment and authentic freedom, whereas lust enchains us in selfishness and emptiness. May our hearts always treasure the beauty of love, which shares in the mystery of God's own unconditional love for us, created in his own image.

**SECOND COLLECTION – STELLA MARIS (SEA SUNDAY):** Last weekend's second collection for Stella Maris raised £325.97. Thank you for your generosity.

**CONFIRMATION 2024/2025:** If your child is in Year 9 or above (from September) and they would like to make their Confirmation in 2025, please email the parish office to **register your interest by Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 at the latest.** A preparatory meeting for parents and young people will take place on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 7.30pm in the parish hall and the course will formally begin with a Welcome Session and Mass on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September. The maximum number of young people that we can have on the course is currently 50 and if applications exceed that number, we will prioritise those in Year 10 or above. When registering your interest, please include your child's full name, a contact number and a picture of their Baptism & First Holy Communion certificates. We will then be in contact with you directly once full programme details become available. The minimum expectations for the course are attendance at the Confirmation sessions and attendance at weekly Mass on Sunday or Saturday night. The Bishop will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on this occasion.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024/25:** If your child is going into Year 3 or above in September and they would like to make their First Holy Communion in 2025, please email the Parish Office to **register your interest by 1st August 2024 at the latest.** Please include your child's full name, a contact number and a picture of their Baptism certificate. We will then be in contact with you directly once programme details become available. We can tell you, though, that the first meeting for parents will take place on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 7pm in the church; the first special focus Mass will take place at 9.30am on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September and the first children's session will be on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 2pm in the Parish Hall. The minimum expectations for the course are attendance at the sessions and attendance at weekly Mass on Sunday or Saturday night.

**RCIA / JOURNEY IN FAITH PROGRAMME:** We begin a new Journey of Faith programme on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 7.30pm in Parish Hall. It is designed for adults, falling into 3 categories i) for those who are not Catholics but who are interested in becoming one *or* just want to find out a bit more, ii) for those who are Catholics but who have not yet been Confirmed, and iii) for Catholics who would like to revisit their faith from the ground-up. Please let the Parish Office know if you are interested stating which category you fall into - just email us on [hornchurchstmmg@brcdt.org](mailto:hornchurchstmmg@brcdt.org)

**FR JEROLD'S LEAVING MASS & SOCIAL EVENT:** Father Jerold's farewell Mass will take place on **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August at 6.30pm** followed by a parish social get together in the Parish Hall. In view of that, we would be very grateful for any donations of cakes, biscuits, paper plates, cups, cutlery etc. If you would like to do a dish, please speak to Laura in the office and let her know what you intend to bring (so that we don't have 10 of the same thing).

**GOOD LUCK TO YEAR 6 CHILDREN IN ST MARY'S:** We wish all of the children in Year 6 who are leaving St Mary's and going to their new schools in September good luck and hope you will be very happy and take lots of great memories of your time at St Mary's with you. You are all very much in our thoughts and prayers.

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING:** There will be a training session on 14<sup>th</sup> September at 1.30pm. To register your interest, please email the parish office. All children in Years 4 and above from September are welcome to attend.

**YOUTH CLUB:** Registrations are now closed. However, anybody still wishing to register can complete the registration forms in the parish office. You **MUST** bring along £5 membership fee & 2 x passport type photos (NOTE: they don't need to be passport photos, just that size)

**THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE, LONDON:** Is holding a Celebration of St Faustina Birthday at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Bank Holiday Monday 26 August 2024 from 10 am to 4:30 pm. The reflection day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call Millie on 07957594646.

**MARCH FOR LIFE:** March for Life UK happens in London on Saturday 7th September. There are many attempts at the moment to further liberalise abortion in the UK and to silence those offering any alternative viewpoint whether that's 'pills by post' abortions, 'decriminalisation', buffer zones or censorship on pro-life students at universities. Find out more at [marchforlife.co.uk](http://marchforlife.co.uk)

**HELPERS OF GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS:** Please join us for our next monthly prayer vigil on Saturday 27th July starting with Holy Mass at 10 am at St Charles Borromeo Church, 8 Ogle Street, W1 6HS. We will then begin a peaceful, prayerful procession to Marie Stopes abortion centre for our vigil of prayer, whilst trained counsellors will offer help to women entering the clinic. Afterwards, return procession with prayers and hymns back to the church.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:** Our Christmas bazaar will take place on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December** in the Parish Hall. We are looking for donations of bottles of drink (alcoholic and non-alcoholic), new and unused gifts, toys and books. All donations can be given in to the Parish Office. Helpers are needed, so please contact the Parish Office.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** Hannah Brennan RIP, Carly Menon RIP, Giovanni Capriglia RIP and Philip Rodgers RIP who have died recently. Please keep their families in your prayers.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH** at home and in hospital, especially: Ashley Baptist, Angelina Bush, Ruth Carroll, Martin Cornish, John Dawson, David Donovan, Anna Gawlik, Hannah Haughey, Malcolm Hilton, Evelyn Hughes, James Goldfinch, Sajy Joseph, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Margaret Lodge, Lyndsey McCauley, Gina Mifsud, Luiz Eduardo Mota, Bridget O'Sullivan, Claire Ramm (Shanahan), Phil & Tony Reid, Paul and Jill Ridley, Anne Sullivan, Josie Walsh and Evelyn Ward.

**FINANCES:** You can make a payment into our bank account, either as a one off, by a regular Standing Order or by scanning the below QR codes. The details are as follows:

Account Name: Catholic Church Hornchurch St. Mary Mother of God

Account Number: 51019058

Sort Code: 40-13-22



To donate £5



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## SERVICES/ MASS INTENTIONS:

<b>Saturday</b> Vigil Mass	20 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>6.30pm</b>	Helen Byrne RIP
<b>Sunday</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time	21 <sup>st</sup> July	<b>8.00am</b>	Maria Scurr RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>11.30am</b>	Eamon Commins RIP
		<b>5.00pm</b>	Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction
<b>Monday</b> St Mary Magdalene	22 <sup>nd</sup> July	<b>9.15am</b>	Norah, Paddy & Mary Lenehan RIP
<b>Tuesday</b> St Bridget of Sweden	23 <sup>rd</sup> July	<b>9.15am</b>	Mr Cyril Fernandes RIP
<b>Wednesday</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>7.15pm</b>	<i>Evening prayer</i>
		<b>7.30pm</b>	Josephine Brown RIP
<b>Thursday</b> St James	25 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>9.15am</b>	Geoff Needham & Family RIP
		<b>9.45am-12 noon</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Friday</b> Ss Joachim and Anne	26 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>9.15am</b>	The Lenehan Family Int
		<b>11am</b>	FUNERAL – Requiem Mass Hannah Brennan RIP
		<b>7.00pm</b>	All Holy Souls
<b>Saturday</b>  Vigil Mass	27 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>9.15am</b>	Ryan Curtin Int
		<b>9.45-11.15am</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		<b>10.30-11.15am</b>	Confessions
		<b>5.30-6pm</b>	Confessions
		<b>6.30pm</b>	Jack Hughes RIP
<b>Sunday</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time	28 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>8.00am</b>	Thelma McDonagh RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>11.30am</b>	Neil Colgan & Grace Warren RIP

**Hospital:** If you are going into hospital this week for surgery Fr Mark will be offering the Sacrament of the Sick after all Sunday Masses. If a loved one is in hospital and would like pastoral care, please let Fr Mark know or contact Helen Miranda on 01708477890

*Morning Prayer will be said before all weekday morning Masses at 9am as well as the Rosary after Mass.*

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